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**MONTAGE RESORT & SPA DEBUTS ON CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER'S
EXCLUSIVE LIST OF 100 HOT NEW HOTELS AROUND THE WORLD**

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif. (May 5, 2004) – *Condé Nast Traveler* magazine has named Montage Resort & Spa one of 100 “Hot New Hotels” in its annual “Hot List” ranking published in its May issue.

Editors from Condé Nast combed multiple cities in six continents – from Sao Paulo to Sydney – to select the 100 hot new hotels for its eighth annual listing of restaurants, hotels and nightspots.

“To compile this exclusive list of new hotels, Condé Nast editorial staff stayed in more than 350 properties around the world,” said James Bermingham, general manager of Montage Resort & Spa. “Montage was one of only 18 U.S. properties which made the cut, and we are honored to be included on the list – and to be recognized by this prestigious publication.”

Montage was lauded by Condé Nast editors for its stunning outdoor setting, its distinct craftsman architecture and for “ultra-romantic” Studio, the resort’s oceanfront signature restaurant. “Like a page out of Steinbeck, Montage is the California coast the way it was meant to be – ruggedly handsome and casually comfortable,” the editors note. “A meandering clifftop walk leads to a half-dozen white-sand strands and a pristine marine park where purple urchins, bright-red starfish, and olive green anemones thrive in the tidal pools.”

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Condé Nast Traveler has a circulation of over 750,000 and is published by Condé Nast Publications, Inc. The May issue is on newsstands now.

With sweeping panoramas of the Pacific and striking craftsman-style architecture, Montage Resort & Spa is situated on 30 lushly landscaped acres in the heart of the picturesque arts community of Laguna Beach.

Opened in February 2003, the luxury 262-room resort offers: elegant beachfront accommodations; a 20,000-square-foot oceanfront spa; three sparkling swimming pools; destination dining - featuring Studio, the resort's signature restaurant; a museum-quality collection of fine art; and over 20,000 square feet of indoor/outdoor meeting space.

For information and reservations, please contact Montage Resort & Spa, toll-free, at 1-888-715-6700; or visit the website at www.montagelagunabeach.com.

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